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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'TANTALIZING RED'

**CLASSIFICATION**

The present invention relates to a new *Rosa hybrida* plant.

**VARIETY DENOMINATION**

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'TANTALIZING RED'.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'TANTALIZING RED'.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its attractive red-purple flowers.

Asexual reproduction by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION**

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November and budded on understock of 'DR. HUEY.

**PLANT**

Form:	Upright
Growth:	Vigorous, non-uniform
Size:	Height about 6 feet; width about 3 feet
Foliage	
Size:	Terminal leaflet length about 2 1/2 inches, width about 1 3/4 inches; leaf about 5 1/2 inches long and about 4 inches wide
Quantity:	Compound leaf with an average of three leaflets
Color	
New foliage:	Upper side near 146A; under side near 182B
Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
Shape:	Elliptic

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**Texture**

Upper side: Smooth, semi-glossy  
Under side: Matte  
Edge: Serrated  
Serration: Slight  
Petioles: Top surface color near 144B;  
Under side near 144A  
Stipules: Normal  
Auricle: Slight serration near 59B to  
137C  
Rachis: Smooth

**WOOD****New shoots**

Bark: Smooth  
Wood: Near 59C

**Old wood**

Bark: Smooth  
Wood: Near 146B

Flowering stem: Length about 24 inches  
Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

Preferred growing  
conditions:

Full sun

Growth habit:

Upright

Leaves per stem:

About 7

Thorns and prickles:

Average number of prickles and  
thorns, new thorns about 3/16  
inch, near 142B, mature thorns  
about 3/8 inch near 144B

**FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE**

Blooming Habit:

Recurrent

Bud

Average length about 1 3/16

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Form: inch, width 1 1/2 inches  
High centered classic rose form

Color: Before sepals divide color near 60A; when sepals first divide color near 60C; when petals begin to unfurl color near 63B

Sepals: Pointed on ends; regular appearance, usually 5 sepals, 1 1/8 inch long and 1/4 inch wide, occasional extensions

Size: Length in relation to bud, about 1 3/8 inches

Color: Topside near 158B; bottom near 144C

Peduncle: Smooth

Length: About 1 3/4 inches

Strength: Firm

Color: Near 139B, with anthocyanin blush near 59C

Flower

Size: About 5 inches

Borne: Multiple blooms per stem

Form: High centered, opening flat with maturity

Petalage: About 38

Petaloids in center: Few, about 3 to 5 petaloids, color near 74C

Fragrance: Slight

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Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about 6 days after cutting

Color

During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center topside near 60B; bottom near 60C; outer petals topside near 60B, bottom near 60C

Base of petals  
(Point of attachment): Near 158B

General tonality from a distance: Dark Red-Purple near 59C

Color Change: As bloom ages, fades slightly to near 60C; after 3 or more days, about the same

General tonality from a distance: Dark red even after 3 or more days

Petals

Length: Approximately 1 1/8 in. long

Width: Approximately 2 in. wide

Texture: Soft

Shape: Wider than long

Arrangement: Normal

Appearance: Satiny

Margin: Smooth

Persistence: Strong, as a cut flower and in the garden

**REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS**

Arrangement of stamens,  
Filaments and Anthers: Regularly arranged around styles, about 40 to 50

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	filaments and anthers, no pollen observed
Color:	Filaments near 162B; Anthers near 158B
Styles:	Thin
Stigmas:	Color near 158D
Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries	
Shape:	Round
Size:	About 1/2 inch
Color:	Near 144A
Seeds:	No seeds observed
Disease Resistance	Cultivar exhibits average resistance/susceptibility to disease